The PCC Street Car

The initials PCC stood for Presidents Conference Committee. This group designed an all-purpose streetcar in the 1930s which could be used on street car lines in major cities throughout the United States. The Presidents Conference Committee was composed of the presidents of the various private street car companies across the nation. The PCC car was streamlined, a popular form of design in the 1930s which curved the exterior corners of the car and smoothed all the outside surfaces.

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Looking like it just rolled off the production line at the factory, a PCC car poses at the Pike's Peak Historical Street Railway museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. PCC cars never operated in Colorado Springs. This car was purchased from Philadelphia.

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A PCC car rolls down Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia. This street car is operating as a historic tourist trolley rather than in regular transit service. The green and cream paint scheme was used on Philadelphia trolleys from the 1940s to the 1960s.

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Details of PCC cars varied from city to city. This was the interior configuration used in Philadelphia. The "standee windows" above the passenger windows allowed standing riders to see when their stop was coming up.

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